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The following are some of the committees which, under the aegis of the Central Committee of the SED and with the active participation in each of members of the SED Secretariat, are charged with the drafting of decrees (Verordnungen) on the topics indicated, in implementation of the several decisions of the 21st Plenum of the Central Committee. The other members of the committees are drawn from the appropriate governmental institutions of East Germany in whose fields the topics concerned fall.

1. Direktorfond Verordnung-- its task is to work out a new method of determining the amount of this fund which will probably parallel the method used in the USSR; i.e. the amount is not automatically fixed but is tied to production in the plant concerned. This was adumbrated in Ulbrich's speech at the 21st Plenum.
2. Lohnfond Committee-- its task is to determine the wage fund for the next Five-Year Plan.
3. Schwarz-Metall-und Holz-Verordnung-- its task is to set a higher price for pig iron (Roheisen), a ton of which is sold in East Germany at the present time at considerably under the world price. Because of the effect that this increase is bound to have on the price of the end products, there is a great deal of controversy regarding the merits of this increase in the price of pig iron. (The USSR only recently agreed to the price increase, since major reparation deliveries have been completed and thus the price increase would not affect the USSR as much now as it would previously have done).
4. Hauptbuchhalter-Verordnung-- The task of this committee is to draft a decree establishing the position of Chief Bookkeeper in East German plants according to the Soviet model.
5. Umlaufmittel-Verordnung-- The committee charged with this topic is considering the magnitude of the capital and credits that will be necessary under the second Five-Year Plan.

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